

NUMBER XXIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Under joint resolution of congress, of February 9, 1870, and act of congress, of June 10, 1872, the secretary of war has established, and is from time to time extending and perfecting a system of meteorological observations, reports, and storm signals throughout the states and territories, for the benefit of commerce and agriculture, in charge of the chief signal officer of the army; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our senators and representatives in congress, are requested to use their influence to have the signal service observer's office at St. Paul made a distributing office for distributing throughout the state of Minnesota the "synopsis" and "probabilities" issued by the signal office at Washington.

Approved March 9, 1874.

NUMBER XXX.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO STORING GRAIN THAT MIGHT BE TRANSPORTED OVER THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, On the 30th day of December, 1865, the First Division of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company entered into a written contract whereby one William B. Litchfield was to have the sole and exclusive privilege of receiving, storing and re-shipping all the grain which might be transported over the said road for the period of twenty years thereafter, and for which the said Litchfield was to receive rates exorbitantly high.

AND WHEREAS, Said contract continued in force until the twentieth day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, when the same was cancelled and two other written contracts entered into between the said company and William F. Davidson, whereby the said Davidson and his associates were to erect and own all the elevators and grain houses on said road, and to have the exclusive right of receiving, storing and shipping all the grain which came to said road, and whereby the said company agreed not to erect any grain houses or elevators of its own, nor afford facilities for, nor allow others so to do, nor receive grain for transportation itself, west of Minneapolis.

AND WHEREAS, Said company has faithfully lived up to and abided by said written contract, from the date thereof to the present time, to the great injury and oppression of the people along the lines of said road.

AND WHEREAS, The said actings and doings are a misuser of their chartered rights, and a usurpation of powers resulting in the establishment of a gigantic monopoly, contrary to law and the best interests of the people; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the attorney general be and he is hereby instructed to immediately commence judicial proceedings in the proper court for the purpose of vacating the charter of the said First Division of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company; or commence such other proceedings as may be proper to put an end to, and remedy the abuses above mentioned and complained of against said company.

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NUMBER XXXI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER TO FURNISH THE STATE AUDITOR LISTS OF CERTAIN LANDS.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the railroad commissioner is requested to make out and deliver to the state auditor forthwith, a list of all lands in this state heretofore granted by the United States, or by the state, or by both,